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back to the district elections. The sanctity of the people's decision in the fact that you have to have letters and cards and a great ground swell or a great petition drive to me seems a bit difficult to understand since it has never been the criteria before. If you want to take away from Douglas County, you take away. If you want to give to Douglas County, you say there are certain criteria on which the people of that county have to respond. The question here is whether the State of Nebraska which changed this before in 1966 and has made numerous changes over the years in the way Douglas County commissioners were elected will in fact make that change again. I say that the elected representatives of Douglas County know what is best for Douglas County. Now if the City of Omaha has home rule charter, that is a different issue altogether. Those people voted for that and the rape of the home rule charter would be quite a different thing and I have said that on many occasions as I have been campaigning across the district. I campaigned on the fact that I favored district elections. I talked to many people in my district about district elections. I said that I would vote...I would try to do everything I could to make the county elections by district but I would not rape the city charter. I would encourage the city officials to bring that to the people and I would campaign hard to get them to make that change but this is a different situation. The criteria that many of you are setting is an unfair criteria. I never heard that sort of argument made when in 1966 you changed it from district to at large and I think it is an unfair criteria now. Thank you.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Goodrich asks unanimous consent to print amendments in the Legislative Journal to LB 258. Mr. President, Business and Labor puts in Legislative Resolution #52 ratifying the labor employees contract. Mr. President, Senator DeCamp gives notice of an executive session of the Banking Committee at noon under the North balcony. Signed Senator DeCamp. That is all, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: I move we recess until 2 o'clock.

PRESIDENT: You have heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Contrary say nay. We are in adjournment until 2 o'clock.

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PRESIDENT: The Legislature will be in order. Please record your presence.

CLERK: (Mike off) asks to be excused until he arrives. Senator Culllan asks to be excused Tuesday. Senator DeCamp asks to be excused for the afternoon. Senator Savage asks to be excused until he arrives.

PRESIDENT: Have you recorded your presence. Record, Mr. Clerk.

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